increased the prices from 50 per cent to 100 per cent; and

(c) if so, what was the price of each medicine before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Market Share of individual formulations is not monitored by this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement of Annexure (*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 39) Sudafed being a scheduled formulation, the concerned company M/s. Burroughs Wellcome has been directed to recategorise the same accordingly and to follow the price fixed by the Government.

Recovery from Drug Companies

1201. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not pursuing the notices issued to the Drug Companies for recovery under Paragraph 7(2) of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 and have stopped obtaining details of and verifying the same for the last three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such an action has resulted in withholding the recovery of crores of rupees from the Companies; and

(c) if so, why action has not been taken against those responsible for non-recovery of the amount overcharged from the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Guidelines for the DPCO Implementation

1202. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of 11th December, 1987 captioned "Guidelines for DPCO Implementation issued";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that these gudelines have been issued on the recommendations of an Expert Committee; and

(c) if so, when were the recommendations sent alongwith the details of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost Data Break-up regarding Medicines

1203. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Business Standard, Calcutta of 12th February, 1988 captioned "De facto Freeze on drug prices; Government to re-examine cost data of all formulations";

(b) whether it is a fact that the drug companies have increased prices from 50 per cent to 200 per cent without any justification;

(c) if so, the names of the formulations for which Government have received cost data during the months of December, 1987, January, 1988 and February. 1988 along with the earlier price and the increased price in each case;

(d) names of the formulations whose break-up has been examined by Government;

(e) what is the reaction of Government in regard to increase of price of each medicine; and

(f) whether any action has been taken in this regard, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of some non-scheduled formulations have gone up with extent of increase varying from case to case. Drug companies are free to revise the prices of such formulations as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. Increase in the prices of some scheduled formulations has also been allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(c) to (f) The required details to the extent available have been given in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question 635 answered on 29th Feb., 1988. Increase in the prices is mainly due to increase in the cost of input materials.

Non-Conventional Energy Sources

1204. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the additional units of power generated through non-conventional energy sources like solar power and bio-gas during the last three years;

(b) in view of the critical power situation what specific programmes have been formulated during the last three years to step up the power production through alternate energy sources; and

(c) whether Government propose to study the alternate energy production programme of China for implementation in this country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) (a) and (b) Various non-conventional energy devices installed throughout the country have generated over 10 million units of power mostly from solar wind and biomass sources. In addition solar thermal devices installed so far are expected to be generating over 200 million Kwhrs. of thermal energy per year. The energy generation through around 9 lakh biogas plants and energy saving effected by around 30 lakh improved chulahs installed so far is estimated to be equivalent to about 5 million tonnes of wood per year. Specific programmes for power generation through alternate energy sources include establishment of wind farms, biomass and agricultural residue-based power plants, solar thermal power plants and photovoltaic power units, mini and micro hydel plants etc. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has prepared a paper entitled—"Energy—2001 Perspective Plan" which proposes production of 15000 MW of power by year 2001, in addition to extensive application of renewable sources of energy for heating and cooking. The pace of implementation of this proposed programme would, however, depend on the availability of financial resources.

(c) The Government is aware of the alternate energy programme of China.

Setting up of Post Offices

1205. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of post offices were closed down due to the change of norms in the setting up of post offices during the last three years;

(b) if so, how many post offices were affected by this change of norms in Andhra Postal Circle;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a fresh decision has been taken to establish some more post offices in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh in order to set off the adverse impact made by the change of norms; and

(d) if so, how many post offices are proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a)